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Entitled: METHOD FOR RAPID FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF MITOCHONDRIAL DNA AND CHARACTERIZATION OF MITOCHONDRIAL DNA HETEROPLASMY	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Applicants also include copies of Form 1449/PTO for supplemental IDSs from each of these issued patents related to the above listed applications: 7,108,974, 7,226,739, and 7,255,992. These supplemental IDSs were submitted in the respective applications after allowance of the respective applications and were not considered by the Examiner in those respective applications. Each of the references cited in the supplemental IDSs for the three issued patents are of record in the present application either from prior or the present IDS. Applicants wish to

ensure that the Examiner considers each of these references during review of the present application and does not rely on their presence in the file histories of the earlier filed, now issued, applications.

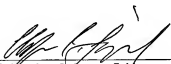
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of the first official action on the merits, but before the mailing date of the first office action to occur of either: (1) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; or (2) an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. Attached hereto is the fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Enclosed is a copy of each listed reference that may be material to the examination of this application, and for which there may be a duty to disclose. This application was filed after June 30, 2003. Therefore, pursuant to the waiver of the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of each U.S. Patent and each U.S. Patent Application Publication are not required to be submitted.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No 504191 referencing case number DIBIS-0002US.P5.

Consideration of the listed references and favorable action are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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